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Every man who crosses the ocean to fight on foreign soil against the armies of the German emperor goes forth to fight for his country and for the preservation of those things for which our forefathers were willing to die.

-Robert Lansing.

"Gum Shoe Bill"

'Gum Shoe Bill' has gone crazy. That catlike tread has been abandoned for the uproarious prancing of the jackass, and his famous whisper has been exchanged for the bray of the wild ass of the plains. We refer, of course, to United States Senator William Joel Stone of Missouri. It was he of whom Colonel Bill Phelps, the railroad and baking powder lobbyist at Jefferson City, and colaborer with Mr. Stone, said once in a moment of bitterness and self-exculpation, "Bill Stone sucks as many eggs as I do but he is better at hiding the

In his attack yesterday upon Colonel Roosevelt whom he accuses of being the friend of the kaiser and of being a menace and an obstruction to the successful prosecution of the war, Mr. Stone is indulging in what he imagines to be camouflage, but it is too transparent for the hiding of the record of "Gum Shoe Bill." It is true that Colonel Roosevelt was once the friend of the emperor of Germany but that was long before the rape of Belgium, long before the development of the design of the kaiser to make the supermen of Germany the rulers of the world.

We were all then admirers of the wonderful efficiency of the German people. We copied much from Germany in those days; in fact, we copied almost everything except the German fashion in clothes. We exchanged university professors with Germany and believed that we were getting the better of the bargain. We looked to Germany for improvements in the arts and sciences, in agriculture, in municipal government, in city planning and in all things to the end for which we were striving. Colonel Roosevelt was only one of many in his admiration for things Ger-

We may fix this period at, say, 1910, that being the time of Colonel Roosevelt's visit to Berlin on his way home from Africa. We choose that date because there was afterward, so far as we know, no special manifestation of Colonel Roosevelt's friendship for the kaiser, if a semi-official call upon the ruler of a country with which we are at peace, may be regarded as a mark of personal friendship. But the friendship of the American people for Germany continued up to a certain August day in 1914 and the friendship of Senator Stone and his service to Germany lasted until a much later period.

Colonel Roosevelt, we believe was the first eminent American to urge a break with Germany. He pointed out to the country its duty to prepare immediately to take part in the world-war. He saw in the invasion of Belgium the full design of Germany against the world. That act was a sufficient warrant for us to engage in the struggle for we were among the guarantors of the integrity of Belgium.

Then came the sinking of the Lusitania and our quiescence in that outrage, in all except words. Colonel Rooseveit pleaded for action, for measures of selfdefence and he denounced from one end of the country to the other the softness, the blindness, the craveness and cowardice of our government. The belated action we have taken, forced to it by the course of events, is such as Colonel Roosevelt had, advocated three years ago. The rape of Belgium is now admitted to have been an international crime and President Wilson has declared that that wrong must be righted at whatever cost of American blood and gold and suffering. This is the record of Colonel Roosevelt with reference to Germany since August 1914. We may omit mention of his desire, repressed by the government, to take an active part in the war and the fact that he has given all his sons for service at the front.

Now for the record of "Gum Shoe Bill." Mr. Stone had publicly condoned the invasion of Belgium; that was a matter which did not concern us. He excused the crime of the Lusitania in which 113 American men, women and children were murdered. Mr. Stone was in a position to give force to his views, as chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, and as such was doubtless largely contributory to the government's inaction and its lack of preparation for the war into which it was certain we would be seoner or later drawn.

Mr. Stone went farther. He owed his position, he believed to a large German-American vote in Missouri and he doubted the levalty of his German-American constituents, to their adopted country. He believed they would be pleased to be told that Belgium was none of our business and that American citizens who lost their lives traveling on British merchant vessels, were already paid for. We may say at this point that Mr. Stone learned later that there was less disloyalty among the German-

Americans of St. Louis than he had supposed. But throughout the long and bitter period following the sinking of the Lusitania Mr. Stone was ever the defender of Germany, ever seeking to allay rising American sentiment after each fresh outrage, ever attacking Great Britain which was destined to be our ally. When at last the president felt that the country could be driven no farther; that it must make a stand in the face of the German threat to sink American vessels without warning, except such as followed German-prescribed paths on the ocean, Mr. Stone was still the friend and defender of Germany.

Then came that ever memorable April 4, 1917, when the loyalty and courage of the United States

senate was tested in the vote on the resolution declaring a state of war with Germany. Senator Stone was one of three democratic senators who voted against the resolution. As chairman of the foreign relations committee, such a measure would ordinarily have been placed in his charge. But as the advocate and defender of Germany he could not be trusted, and Senator Hitchcock was made the guardian of the reso-

Soon after that things began to happen to frighten "Gum Shoe Bill." He had become in a sense persona non grata at the White House. His removal from the chairmanship of the foreign relations committee was urged. And what was still more alarming to him, he began to hear from Missouri. He thereupon abandoned his defense of Germany and began an approach stealthily as became him, to the other side, But he was not an ostentatious belligerent during that session of congress. This is the war record, the public record of Senator Stone. These are the shells he did not and could not hide, notwithstanding the skill to which Colonel Phelps long ago had paid such eloquent tribute.

This then, is the man who opposed to the last, the war policy of President Wilson and who now denounces men who then were, and are still, in full accord with that policy, but who criticise, as all Americans are at liberty to criticise, programs and methods which they believe to be wrong, for carrying out that policy. This is not a partisan war and this is no time for partisan politics. But if we are to win the war honest, constructive criticism, based on facts must not be stifled.

The speech of Senator Stone appears to have been prepared with a two-fold purpose. One was to shroud his past and the other to bring the democratic mempers of the senate and the house solidly together in support of any program which may be decided upon by the executive department, for the conduct of the war and to hide such errors of methods as may appear. The speech is aimed in part at the investigations which have been begun or have been proposed. It advocates a blind, unquestioning party following of inexperienced men, whithersover they may lead. It ignores the fact that the present investigation of the war department is being conducted by democrats and republicans alike and that one of the most earnest democratic searchers after truth is Senator Hitchcock who was intrusted with the war resolution because "Gum Shoe Bill," its official guardian only nine months ago could not be trusted with it. Mr. Stone would make of the war for democracy, a dem-

War legislation has happily been so nearly free from partisan influence as not to have been affected by it. What powers the president has asked for have been granted him. Such opposition as has been developed has been offered by small minorities of republicans and democrats alike, and, we believe, we may say that the president's strongest supporters throughout the war have been the republican leaders. Without republican support the most effective war legislation could not have been enacted. On the other hand, before the war, democratic leaders had adopted an attitude against war and reluctantly they fell in with the president's war policy. Among such leaders were the speaker of the house of representatives and the chairman of the committee on appropriation. That they were honest in their opposition to the selective draft we have not the slightest doubt, and we can hardly doubt that at that time they represented the majority sentiment of the people,

Of all the others, but one, in either house who opposed the war legislation, it may be assumed, that they were sincere. That one exception is William J. Stone who more than any other man in public life is believed to have yielded to what he thought was the anti-loyal sentiment of a large constituency, and for that would sacrifice American rights and American

He has now chosen the most effective means at his disposal to accomplish that. If he can succeed in dividing American loyalty in congress with the wedge of partisanism, he will have rendered the highest possible service to the kaiser.

## Cleanliness of Cities and Cantonments

"Can Phoenix make itself morally as clean as the government has made the cantonments?" is a startling and at the same time, a timely question which will be asked at the "Y. M. C. A." tonight. That Phoenix is not now clean, and that probably no city in all the land is as clean as our cantonments, is true, but it ought not to be true and would not be true if all citizens who stand weakly for cleanliness should be as active as under the stress of necessity the government is.

The government has found that moral cleanliness is essential. The time has passed when licentiousness swashbuckling savagery and courage may go hand in hand. The cleaner and better the soldier, the more efficient he is and the cleaner and better the youth at home, the better will our future citizenship be.

We attribute the shortcomings of society to our government. We say that if the laws and the ordinances were enforced and not winked at the shortcomings would be fewer or not at all: that instead of young men diseased, physically and morally, losfers and more than potential criminals, we would have clean, strong and capable young men.

It does not become us, at least the majority of us, to lay these things against the government, for the majority is always the government. Either by its assent or its silent consent it approves things as they are, however bad they may be.

No government, that is no democratic government, can be worse than the people it governs but by an accident of intelligence and integrity it may be much better. A bad government in splte of the people may exist for a short time, for the terms of the offices to which their servants are elected. But if. it continues year after year, until time has been given to construct a self-perpetuating machine, the fault is the people's and not their public servants.

## WHEN THE DAY IS DONF

I have eaten a bale Of spinach and kale. And I've never raised a row. I have swallowed a can of moistened bran And I feel like a brindle cow. am taking a snack From the old haystack in the evening shadows gray. And I'm glad, you bet, To the end of a meatless day.

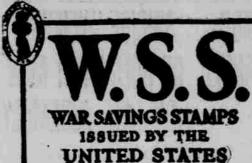
A TRUE FRIEND

-Washington Star.

Andy Foster, a well known pative character in his native city, had recently shuffled off his mortal soil in destitute circumstances, although in his earlier days he enjoyed financial prosperity.

A prominent merchnt, an old friend of the family, attended the funeral and was visibly affected as he gazed for the last time on his old friend and associate. The mourners were conspicuously few in number and some attention was attracted by the sorrowing merchant. "The old gentleman was very dear to you? ventured one of the bearers after the funeral was

"Indeed, he was," answered the mourner. "Anly was one true friend. He never asked me to lend him a cent, though I knew that he was practically starving to death."—Harper's Magazine.



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